conditions. A clause regarding levy of Liquidated Damages (LD) is also included in defence contracts in case of delay in delivery.

Theft of weapons from Army's Armoury

972. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of missing of weapons from the various Army's armoury in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into such incidents;

(d) if so, the details of the inquiry reports; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following cases of missing weapons have been reported since October 2006:-

(i) 4 Nos. INSAS 5.56 mm Rifles on 26.10.2006 from the unit Kote of 11 corps zonal workshop.

(ii) 1 No. Pistol Auto and 2 No. magazine pistol on 11.08.2007 from the unit kote of 115 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army).

(iii) 2 No. Pistol 9mm Browning, 2 No. Pistol 9mm Auto, 1 No. Pistol 7.62mm (NSP), 175 Rounds 9mm, 7 Magazines 9mm Pistol and 1 Magazine 7.76mm (NSP) from Kote located within premises of Anarwala Infantry Battalion (5 Sikh LI)

(c) to (e) Courts of Inquiry were ordered in all the three cases to fix responsibility. In two cases strict disciplinary action has been taken against the defaulters. Detailed orders on safe custody and accounting of weapons and ammunition exist and are regularly updated. Procedure for security of weapons and ammunition in armouries including cross checking has been further tightened. Advisories have been issued by Directorate General Military Intelligence to highlight breaches of security of weapons and ammunition discovered during Courts of Inquiry and suggest remedial action.

Seawall to protect erosion-prone villages

973. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to build a seawall to protect erosion-prone villages along the Orissa sea coast with the help of World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of this sea-erosion in the State; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to help the Orissa State, both financially and physically to protect the sea-erosion-prone pockets in the State?